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EXPANDABLE ABSORBENT ELEMENT )

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO JANUARY 8, 2004 OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Office Action mailed January 8, 2004,<sup>1</sup> please enter the following amendment in the above-referenced patent application.

<sup>1</sup> This Amendment and Reply is being filed on Monday, February 9, 2004, which is the next business day following February 8, 2004, which fell on a Sunday.